

AL-II-B-011

METHODIST PARSONAGE
Oldtown, Maryland
ca. 1890

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Methodist Parsonage

AND/OR COMMON

Brown House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

sixth

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Allegany

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Roger Brown

Telephone #: 395-5545

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 471

Folio #: 511

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Oldtown Methodist Parsonage is located along Main Street, Oldtown, Allegany County on the south side of the street near the intersection of Greensprings Road.

The house consists of a two story, with mansard, three bay wide, square shaped block. A small one story entrance wing abuts the main block on the rear southern side and appears to be a later addition. The building is a frame structure which has been covered with insul brick siding and is supported by a low brick foundation with plain water table. The roof of the house is a mansard and is covered by replaced asphalt shingles. Nine cross gable dormer windows divide the roof and extend below the edge of the mansard. Windows in the building are all double-hung wooden sash frames with replaced one over one lights, except for the rear wing which features two over two lights. The main entrance to the house is located on the front northern face and exhibits a replaced verticle door with transom and transom light. A three bay end porch with hip roof supported by chamfered columns covers the main entrance and features decorative peg trim between the columns. One corbeled brickdimney, which appears to be original, is located centrally to the main block.

The Methodist Parsonage is structurally very sound but has been altered from original appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Architecturally, the house would appear to be built in the style of the French 2nd Empire. However, the fact that the roof stops short of the base of the windows suggests that perhaps the building was remodeled at some point.

¹ Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale
Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION

9/1/76
DATE

507 National Highway

STREET & NUMBER

777-8991
TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Maryland
STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Parsonage
Main Street
Oldtown, Maryland
AL-II-B-011

Allegany County Deed, Liber 471, Folio 511
grantee: Roger Brown
grantor: Edward L. Twigg & Eileen W. Twigg
May 31, 1974
Consideration: \$10.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 448, Folio 828
grantee: Edward L. Twigg et. ux.
grantor: Frances Twigg et. al., Trustee of Oldtown Methodist Church
September 29, 1971
Consideration: \$12,000.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 113, Folio 351
grantee: Carrie Skelley et. al. Trustees
grantor: Frances Harbaugh & Charles V. L. Harbaugh
October 23, 1913

Allegany County Deed, Liber 86, Folio 249
grantee: Frances Harbaugh
grantor: Harrison Nixon & Lavina Nixon
February 7, 1898

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477/511

DATE: 8/25/76

011

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Parsonage

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Main St., Oldtown

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Roger Brown 395 - 5545

ADDRESS: Oldtown, Mich. - Main St.

~~21555~~ 21555

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: small wing in rear of building

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
(☒) Other: Coverings insol brick

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: front + rear

HARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(☒) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, mansard, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # 7

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable() turned supports
porch floor replaced

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central(☒) Interior (☒)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence

Significance - French Empire? Arch

Date Constructed -

Condition - Good

1st. Parsonage - Oldtown

471/511
lots 20+21

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AI-II-B-012

AI-II-B-009

AI-II-B-002

AI-II-B-011

AI-II-B-007

AI-II-B-024

AI-II-B-013

AI-II-B-015

AI-II-B-014

AI-II-B-017

AI-II-B-016

AI-II-B-010

AI-II-B-011

Methodist Parsonage

Main St. - Oldtown

USGS - Oldtown Quad

1:24,000

1950

Green Spring

Green Spring

South Branch
French Sta.



Parsonage

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main St., Oldtown

John Nelson

8/23/76

northwest



Parsonage

A1-11-B-011

main St., Oldtown

John Nelson

8/25/76

South